



HAMATEUR CHATTER



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EDITOR'S CORNER--RE: EMERGENCY

This column often mentioned the Ham's public image and will continue to do so. Not only is our hobby the greatest but is one that offers the possibility of public service. We hear of the Ham's role in earthquake, hurricane, flood, lesser disasters and wonder how we would react.

The Editor had an opportunity of meeting some of those involved in Hurricane Agnes' floods in western New York. The detailed report was published in the Rochester Amateur Radio Association publication, The Ra Ra Rag and bears reading of the first hand report. (Editor has copies) The Editor met Jim Collinsworth, WB2EDT, E.C. and Harold Smith WA2KND, Editor of the Ra Ra Rag and assistant E.C. and heard first hand details. They stressed that the nucleus of operators and equipment were from those who participated in public service events, in their case Hike-for-Hope, parades, sailing regatta, field day, etc. The rapport and know-how established in these training events provided the confidence and esprit-de-corp when the emergency came. Local Hams should keep in mind that an emergency never announces itself. To be prepared, participate in the many AREC events ahead.

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George Ruger passed his General November and is still waiting for his ticket. Rumor has it that everybody at FCC Gettysburg has passed thru the reflecting layers. George is investigating. FLASH! GEORGE RECEIVED HIS CALL WB9EHA.



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SUMMERFEST AND RADIO HAM

Milwaukee's Summerfest this year is from July 13th thru 22nd and this

time the MRAC and other local Hams hope to be included in the festivities. Our Feb. 8th meeting special speaker was Paul King of the Summerfest staff. He described the inner workings of Summerfest and its problems. He eloquently appealed for aid in their communications problems. Three to five operators could be used from 9AM til midnight and of course this can be broken up into shifts. The Hams will be used to report traffic flow, ground activities (disturbances), fence patrol, boat patrol, etc. The most vital operation will be the liaison between staff members.

The Summerfest will provide a tent for the Hams to use as a command post, and important to us, a display booth and Public Relations Center. Also supplied will be admittance passes, free parking on the grounds and meals for participating operators. Mr. King apologized for not "paying" the operators. All Hams are urged to make plans to help in this project. This is not only another opportunity to be of community service but a great opportunity to expose the public to Ham Radio. This should be a joint effort of all the local clubs co-ordinated through the A.R.E.C.

CQ3TUE

DON'T FORGET CQ3TUE AT SVEDENHOUSE ON MARCH 20TH. Twenty seven attended the second "meeting" on Feb. 20th,

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SUNSHINE

Bill James WB9HCN the former "Voice of WOKY" is reported in the hospital with the removal of one lung. W9UJM reported a delegation went down to the Beloit Hospital for a visit and reports Bill doing fine.

Ray Weeks WA9JQV suffered a mild coronary insufficiency. He and Kathleen were on the way to join brother Ford W8MDK for a Florida vacation. They ended up convalescing in Holland, Michigan with Ford. Ray is back home now and feeling fine. He wants to thank all who remembered him with cards and encouragement.

Emmett Koeble K9DD and Edna spent a 3 week honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise. That's-a SUNSHINE!

QCWA WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Good News! BUTCH W9EWC is reported back home after surgery in Rochester, Minn. On the Feb. 11th meeting, Gordon W9YFW net control was "Happy Birthdayed" by the check-ins, then his Xyl had a petite party there. He "shared the candles, strawberry covered cake with the fellows. W9DXV protest the change of qualifications by the National Board for membership. To "upgrade" the organization, those not holding at least a General Class will not be eligible. Expressions regarding this should be related to the Board or to the National Headquarters. W9NJH is working on a QCWA scrap book and those with interesting pictures should send them to Ray. Next Board meeting will be held in conjunction with CQ3TUE on March 20th at the Svedenhouse, Milwaukee. It's sad to report the passing of Alex Krasonya, W9KHE a charter member. The family sends appreciation of the memorial to the Cancer Fund in his name.

W9CTI Secretary

OLDTIMERS' NITE

The Annual MRAC Old Timers' night at the Pabst Blue Ribbon Rathskeller was thoroughly enjoyed by over 100 Hams, XYLs and Friends on January 24th. The weather needs comment because it was the mildest in the history of MRAC (and Wisconsin). It did not seem to hinder in previous years though.

The Old Timer check-in showed a surprising number of 50-year hams. The Daddy-of-them-all was Jim Douglas W9DR, reporting actively from 1911. He related his experience of operating portable at that time during a Boy Scout outing. (Jim must have been among the first Boy Scouts too!) Of course it was a spark transmitter with crystal detector and grounding was done with a spike on his heel (shades of HT 200!) The Chairman of the Wisconsin Chapter of QCWA "Mac" MacDonald W9BKD presented 50-year certificates to Herb Parish W9CCD and Herb Berg W9CAS. The following were also honored as Life Members: George W. Fields W9WVL, Royal Doug Miller W9CJO and not present Gordon J. Fedder W9YFW.

The high light of the evening was the introduction and remarks by Jock White ZL2GX and XYL Beattie from Gisbourne, New Zealand. He is the principal of a Junior High School and was on his summer vacation. He has done this several times, visiting and being entertained by local Rotary and Ham groups. It must be said that the exchange is most beautiful, with us being the gainer. Another DXer but now a local denizen was Roy Longworth VK2als and XYL from Sidney. Our banjo playing ex-Director Clyde Richelieu entertained with his usual talent in playing and sing-a-long. Again we wish to thank the Pabst Brewing Co. for furnishing their excellent facility and product.

FOR SALE -- Moto 60 Watt 2-meter base on .67, rack mounting, "G" revr "A" Xmtr, excellent condition. \$75. Moto U41GGT 6 meter mobile, unconverted, transistor power. \$35. Box WA9FBO, Rt. New Holstein, 393-4610.

FEB. 8TH MRAC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

V.P. Dave WB9BWP introduced the special visitor and speaker Paul King of Summerfest. He gave an interesting talk of the inside workings and appealed for help in communications. (see Summerfest article) A booth is offered to promote Ham Radio. Dave is especially interested in the Summerfest because he was introduced to Ham Radio there at our Club booth some years ago.

The second part of the meeting was the explanation of the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS) program. The Navy-Marine Corps MARS was covered by Marty Erschnig W9IZD, Wisconsin Area Coordinator and Chief Ed Rabbitt K9USN, Director of the 9th District. Barney Kellner K9UBC Assistant Director of Air Force MARS reported on that area of the program. Although it was not intended as a recruiting campaign, several present inquired about applications.

ON-THE-AIR ACTIVITIES

WARAC 10 meter contest was more or less a success. About twelve stations entered each night and it was an interesting one-hour affair.

Milwaukee Area Net (MAN) has about 47 stations reporting. Check in on 6-meters at 6 o'clock daily. Frequency is 50.31 MHz with WB9FZU acting as netcontrol.

A prospective Ham and member Ted Marti asks for help in learning code. Also wants to arrange phone-patch to his parents in the Canal Zone.

Doc Wyman ex-W9SZH in Cedar Mountain, N.C. maintains skeds with W9FY. He would enjoy talking to other Milwaukee Hams on 14205 KHz Mondays at 9 AM. Former Milwaukeeans W9ANA/4 and K4PG are also in the roundtable.

Professional Loafers' Club holds forth Monday thru Friday from 9 to 11:30 AM on 7261 KHz. Retirees, handicapped and loafers are invited to break-in, reports W9USV.

WN9ISM made WAS and needs just two confirms. Jim applied for NAVMARS and has been assigned NØBIST

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

Sherm Carr W9NGT, Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) reported a very successful S.E.T. January 27 & 28th. Incomplete reports are that 244 stations originated over 900 messages. Fourteen stations reporting in Milwaukee had originated 36. Sherm was pleased with the activity which was from 9AM to 6PM each day. The Red Cross station W9IJT stood by all day to relay 2-meter traffic. While it is fresh in mind, the stations originating traffic while mobile get double traffic count. Also remember to report the originating total to Bob Goldstein K9KJT, the Milwaukee County E.C.

WEST ALLIS RC reports a very successful first in the Midwinter Swapfest. The committee reports that the attendance was over 400. The food concession reported that the supply of the high priced sandwich (bratwurst) gave out after lunch. A larger space is planned for next year. This initial project was directed by Roy Hawkins K9KEC and George Schlesinger K9ILV. The next major project for the club is the Field Day. A challenge was announced at the Swapfest to all area clubs for Field Day honors. Loser supplying the amber stuff and stuff, etc. W.A won the competition with Ozaukee Club last year.

OZAUKEE RADIO CLUB meetings will be held at the Sisters of Notre Dame College at 700 West Highland in Mequon. This will be an interim meeting place until a permanent one is found. Sister Mary Lumena K9CJO assisted in making arrangements. WA9GDA "allowed" his license to expire and is now off the air. The repeater house is complete except for painting. The 65' pole was erected thru courtesy and cooperation of the City of Cedarburg and the Electric Company. On vacation, WA9BMA called mobile/KH6 in Hawaii and his first contact was K9CCG/M KH6. Traditional post-Christmas, New Year, Valentine SET and now Pre-Easter dinner will be held March 17 at the D & G Club in Port Washington. Door prizes will be white elephant exchange. Get details over the net or March 12th meeting. W9NYJ got his Extra Class and new call, WQLO.

**TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SWAPFEST SUN. MARCH 11TH
WHITEWATER, WIS. ARMORY
9AM TO 4PM \$1.50 AT DOOR**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE M.S.O.E 1020 NO. BROADWAY, ROOM 5B, MARCH 8, 1973 at 7:30 PM. THE SPEAKER WILL BE FRANK SEBOTH, W9NLY, ON TELEPHONE COMPANY PROCEDURE. THE NEW ROS* TER IS BEING PRINTED. IF YOUR NAME IS TO BE INCLUDED, YOUR DUES MUST BE PAID UP .

AREC MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, AT THE RED CROSS ELDG., 26TH AND LISCONSIN

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